Dear Pre-K Families,

Congratulations! You and your family are about to complete your pre-k experience! The summer is coming and that’s a great time to prepare your child for kindergarten.

Don’t forget, it’s not too late to register your child for Kindergarten. For more information contact the Family Information Center at (615) 259-4636.

Warm Wishes, MNPS Pre-K Team

Family Activity Corner

The summer is a great time to start preparing your child for kindergarten. A fun book to read to get your child ready for kindergarten is Miss Bindergarten Gets Ready for Kindergarten by Joseph Slate.

After reading the book, look back at the pages were Miss Bindergarten is getting ready for kindergarten and discuss with your child what Miss Bindergarten is doing. Each page also features a letter from the alphabet. Ask your child to find items on the page that start with the letter, and think of other words start with the same letter.

Activity Idea: "What I Know About Kindergarten" Take out a piece of paper, and ask your child to make comparisons between the book’s kindergarten experience and what your child thinks kindergarten will be like. Write down their answers. It’s a great opportunity to discuss their thoughts and feelings about kindergarten!

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For More Activities Visit:
www.mnps.org/countdowntokindergarten

Contact Information

Metro Nashville Public Schools
Pre-K Department
(615) 298-6766

MNPS District Important Dates

May 24
Last Day of School (Half-Day)

Get Ready for Kindergarten Tip

Even if your child is currently enrolled in an MNPS' Pre-K program or participated in MNPS’ School Options, you must still register your child for Kindergarten.

To register, visit one of our 11 enrollment centers and bring a:
• Birth certificate or record of birth
• Tennessee Immunization Certificate
• Proof of a physical
• Proof of Davidson County residency
• Parent/Guardian photo ID

If a language other than English is spoken in your home, you must register your child for kindergarten at the MNPS English Learners (EL) Office, please call (615) 259-8608 for information

For more info visit: www.mnps.org

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More Important Information

Parent Spotlight

It’s finally here - your “Countdown to Kindergarten!” This can be both exciting and overwhelming for children (and parents).

Here are a few things you can do to help the whole family prepare:

Before the end of the current School Year:
- Take your child to visit the school they’ll be attending for kindergarten. Ask about tours and open houses.

During the Summer:
- Visit your local park playground for outdoor activity.
- Find other families transitioning to the same school. Meet them for playdates and encourage one another.
- Take the route to school several times. Discuss the route and talk about your child’s new school.
- Encourage the practice of self-help skills: hand washing, zipping, etc.
- Read books about beginning a new school and making new friends.
- Visit the school’s and district’s websites and Facebook pages for special events, updates and information.
- Finalize your before and after school plans for your child.
- Visit your local library to read and for fun family activities.

A Few Weeks Before School Begins:
- Work with your child to develop a ‘countdown calendar’. Display it and refer to it daily.
- Establish a consistent school-time schedule.

A Week Before School Begins:
- Make school transportation plans, and before and after school plans clear to your child.
- Get your child excited about kindergarten by discussing what they should expect on the first day of school.

Don’t forget! The summer is great time to continue what your child has learned in pre-K. Continue reading, working on your child’s writing and vocabulary, and practicing routines on a daily basis.

Pre-K Family Support Corner

The summer is a great time to “get moving” as a family. Developing your child’s “gross motor skills” (the coordination of the large muscle groups in the body) is important to the development of your child.

Here are fun ways to get moving:

Play with a ball: Roll a ball toward your child and let them kick it back to you. For a challenge, have them run toward the ball and kick it.

March to bed: This not only makes going to bed fun, it also requires the use of large muscles.

Dance: Move and clap in rhythm to music, which develops coordination and awareness of their body in relation to others.

Each MNPS Pre-K Student will receive a “Summer Activity Guide” with activities to support at home learning. To view the guide online visit: https://www.mnps.org/parent-and-family-resources-tools/